

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

08/997,706

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— The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address—

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to communication dated 3/16/05.

2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 7-11 and 17 (renumbered as claims 1-6, respectively).

3.  The drawings filed on 12/23/97 are accepted by the Examiner.

4.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)  All    b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:

1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.

3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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5.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

6.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached  
1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

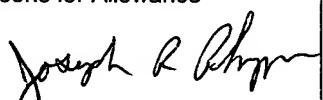
(b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of  
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

7.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948)
3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

  
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## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 3/16/05 has been entered.

### ***Response to Amendment***

2. Applicant's amendment received on 1/19/05 has been entered and made of record. Currently, **claims 7-11 and 17** are pending.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. **Claims 7-11 and 17** are allowed (renumbered as claims 1-6, respectively).

4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding ***claims 7 and 17 (renumbered claims 1 and 6, respectively)***, in the examiner's opinion, it would not have been obvious to have the system, as claimed, include the limitations requiring at the data communication system, inputting a designation manually entered by an operator using an operation input unit, and designating an ID based on the manual designation inputted using the operation input unit, as well as at the limitations of the data processing terminal storing the communication result information and the document transferred which

correlate to each other, as required in claim 7, and independently storing the communication result information related to the document communication, as required in claim 17. The closest prior art, noted as *Kikuchi et al.* (U.S. Patent Number 5,552,901) and *Ikeda et al.* (U.S. Patent Number 5,720,014), each fail to expressly disclose all of these features. Specifically, *Kikuchi* discloses a data communication system, but fails to expressly disclose of inputting a manual designation and an input address of an external communication terminal, transferring the address of the external communication terminal, communication result information, and the transmitted document upon completion of the document transmission, and storing the result information and the document which correlate to each other. Continuing, *Ikeda* fails to teach of transferring the address of the external communication terminal, communication result information, and the transmitted document upon completion of the document transmission, and storing the result information and the document which correlate to each other. Because of these reasons, the claims are rendered allowable.

*Citation of Pertinent Prior Art*

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

**Ejiri et al.** (U.S. Patent Number 6,639,693) discloses a data communication apparatus;

**Tashima** (U.S. Patent Number 6,567,178) discloses a fax mail apparatus; and

**Matsumoto et al.** (U.S. Patent Number 6,377,580) discloses an apparatus that manages a plurality of received data.

***Conclusion***

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joe Pokrzywa whose telephone number is (571) 272-7410. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L. Coles can be reached on (571) 272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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